

SCHOOL ATHLETES OUT FOR PRIZES

Championship Buttons Will Be Given Those Who Pass Tests.

OUTDOOR MEETING PLANNED FOR FALL

Teams Representing Each of City's Playgrounds Will Contest for the Supremacy.

TESTS PRESCRIBED

The public playgrounds committee will give a handsome button having a picture of the Capitol and the words "Champion, Public Playgrounds, 1908," to every boy who comes up to the following standard:

Boys under thirteen years of age, sixty-yard run in 8-5 seconds. Pull up four times. Standing broad jump, 5 feet 9 inches.

Boys under sixteen years of age, 100-yard run, 13-5 seconds. Pull up six times. Standing broad jump, 6 feet 6 inches.

Scenes of athletic activity, such as have hardly ever been witnessed in Washington are daily being enacted. At every playground today small boys of all ages are running, jumping, and hauling themselves up on the horizontal bars.

And all because of the announcement this morning that those who passed the standard test would be awarded a championship button which would mark the proud wearer as one who was a young athlete.

Immediately the news spread. As though victory depended on their getting into shape today instead of any time during the summer the boys went at it, and by tonight they will be tired and stiff, with aching muscles which no amount of liniment will relieve.

Eligible Up to 16.

All boys up to sixteen years of age are eligible. The test requires that the boys reach fixed records in running, jumping, and pulling up on the bars. Every boy in Washington is to get one of these coveted buttons, and the fact that at the end of the season there will be preliminary tests and a grand final tournament between the different playgrounds, has incited them to great efforts that they may bring the banner of liberty back to their particular playground and nail it to the top of the flagpole.

A small boy about twelve years of age was the first to notice the placards announcing the tests and tournaments at the Virginia avenue playground this morning. He gazed at it for a long time. At last he comprehended its import, and let out a yell that would have done credit to an Apache Indian. "Come on, fellows," he cried at the top of his voice. "See what's here—we're goin' ter get buttons—hurrah!"

And right then and there they started to get in shape for championship buttons, which are awarded any time they pass the test, and still more, to secure that championship banner at the final tournament.

Supervisors of Tests.

Henry S. Curtis, supervisor of the playgrounds under the direction of the Washington Playgrounds Association, and Physical Director Richard Williams, will direct the tests, which will be held at all the playgrounds.

Elaborate sets of rules governing the conduct of the tests, and preliminary contests and final tournaments have been prepared by Mr. Curtis and Mr. Williams. The preliminaries will be held next Thursday, when twelve playgrounds will engage in athletic rivalry. The remarkable results of the use of the standard tests and buttons, in the number of Washington children who passed them during the past three years, is a strong inducement to adopt, not a single child was able to do the three stunts successfully. Twenty-five passed at the end of the year, in 1905, and 365 in 1907.

It is expected that this year the number will reach the 1,000 mark, and the playground officers have secured 1,000 buttons. Last year seven previous records for playground athletics were broken, and, judging by the great interest and the hard work of the boys this year, it is expected that these will be improved upon.

Contests Next Thursday.

The school contests next Thursday will be held as follows: Virginia avenue playground, at Rosedale; juvenile court, at North Capitol and L streets; Ross school, at Industrial Home School; Towers School, at Fifth and L streets; Howard, at Cardozo; Magruder, at Fourteenth and C streets.

"I believe that no movement more beneficial to the children of any city in the world has ever been inaugurated than this playground movement with the great athletic activity," said Supervisor Curtis today. "Not only does it develop the lungs and muscles of the boys at a time when development of the most good, but the moral effect on the boys has been remarkable. Last year, by a system of flogging, we abolished the geyser of the losing team, the throwing of the hard work of the boys this year, it is expected that these will be improved upon."

FAITHFUL TO PROFESSION.

Escoffier, the great French cook, said at a dinner in New York that a good cook had the spirit of cookery born in him.

"It is born in him," said M. Escoffier, "and in him it never dies. His first lipped baby word is of food; and a saucer or a napkin is the subject of his last dying breath."

Did you ever hear of poor Gaston Laurent, the distinguished cook of Pailard's?

Gaston went on a voyage to the South Seas in '95; his ship was wrecked, and he and his party were captured by cannibals.

"Being plump, Gaston, alas! was the first of the ill-fated party to be consumed to the great iron casserole."

And the survivors say that nothing could have been more touching and more sublime than Gaston's cry from the great pot, as the water began to smoke and bubble, "I am a great cook—Gaston's last calm cry of a great artist."

"Come, come! It is already past the time for the pepper and salt!"

TROOPS ARE WAITING FOR WORD TO START

Advance Guards Already Reach Potomac River Forts to Superintend Camp.

Capt. Emil G. Schafer, quartermaster of the second regiment District of Columbia National Guard, is at Fort Washington today, looking after the equipment and commissary supplies destined for the militiamen who will be encamped on the Maryland side of the Potomac during the maneuvers which begin Monday.

The entire National Guard, 1,500 strong will leave the city early tomorrow morning for the forts, and will immediately pitch camp ready for two weeks' work in coast defense.

Captain Schafer left Washington at 8 o'clock this morning on the barge Daniel K. Jackson, with all the equipment, and all the men will have to carry tomorrow will be their hand baggage and accoutrements. Twelve enlisted men went with Captain Schafer to attend the unloading, stowing and distribution of the baggage.

Supplies Reach Fort Hunt.

The first supplies to go down the river were taken to Fort Hunt yesterday, when First Lieut. E. H. Neumeyer, quartermaster of the first regiment, embarked on the barge Daniel K. Jackson, with all of the paraphernalia and equipment for the troops. He left at 8 o'clock in the morning also, and was at the fort all day.

The armory over the Center Market presents a busy scene today, with the men flocking there to put the finishing touches on their personal equipment. Captain Smiley spent all day today with those who were in trouble, and directing here, there and everywhere.

Under orders from their respective commanders, the men went carefully over their allowance of clothing to see that everything was ship-shape.

Anticipating Fun.

Speculation as to the amount of fun to be had at the forts was the only topic of conversation. There has been a wide divergence of opinion among officers and men as to the forts, many wanted to go further from home. The subject has been discussed out at every drill and every meeting since the announcement of the proposed plan was made. The men who were at the forts last year, the second regiment, were as a whole enthusiastic over the new move, voting the down river encampment as the best they had ever had. The others could not see it thus, however, and there was a more or less general feeling of dissatisfaction among many of the officers protested that men would not enlist for a two-weeks' encampment without a few miles of Washington, when heretofore they have been given a good long trip. All of this has apparently been wiped out, however, in the enthusiasm of going and today officers and men are unanimous in their expressions of feelings.

DISTRICT SHAKE-UP MAY COME AUGUST 1

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work. His administration of his office has always seemed to us to be satisfactory."

Thomas J. Fisher & Co.: "We have never heard any complaints made regarding the work and methods of Eugene G. Davis, and we are inclined to believe that this silence sets the stamp of approval on his administration."

Never Had to Complain.

William H. Saunders & Co.: "We have never had any occasion whatever to complain of the lack of promptness, courtesy, or efficiency on the part of Mr. Davis. We have seen no evidences of shortcomings. We never had occasion to investigate the details of the work of the collector's office, of course, but as far as we are aware there have been no serious criticisms made of Mr. Davis' administration."

Ben B. Bradford: "Eugene G. Davis should be allowed to stay where he is. If his office has run behind in work or methods, I believe it to be the fault of his subordinates. I do not think there could be found a better man in the District of Columbia for the place, and he should be kept in it."

James J. Lampton & Co.: "There is no more intelligent, obliging, efficient a man for the position of collector of taxes to be found in the service of the United States Government than Eugene G. Davis. We should be very sorry to see him removed from his present position. We say this, although Charles C. Rogers is a personal friend, and would make a splendid official."

Building Office Inquiry Will Start on Monday

The commissioners next Monday will begin an investigation of the Building Department at the conclusion of which will be made a number of changes already decided upon by Engineer Commissioner Morrow and Capt. William Kelly, Assistant Engineer Commissioner.

Major Morrow and Captain Kelly have for some time had under consideration the reorganization of this department, involving the transfer of certain officials to other positions and a consequent change in salaries. The investigation will be held in order to give Commissioners Macfarland and West, who are naturally not as familiar with the Engineer Department as the Engineer Commissioner, a closer insight into the office of the Building Inspector, and an opportunity to advise the latter concerning the proposed changes.

Inspector of Buildings, Snowden Ashford, who, since July 12, has been suspended owing to the action of the grand jury in the case of the collapse of the Pickford Apartment House, today resumed the duties of his position. In commenting upon the action of the grand jury, Commissioner Morrow said today:

"The action of the grand jury in ignoring the charges against the office of the Inspector of Buildings was not a surprise."

OPEN HEATING BIDS FOR PATENT OFFICE

Bids for furnishing and installing improved heating apparatus in the Patent Office building (Interior Department), have been opened in the office of the chief clerk.

There were five bidders, two of whom were Washington firms. The bids were as follows: John W. Danforth Company, \$18,200; S. Faith & Co., of Philadelphia, \$19,500; Biggs Heating Company, \$24,400; York Engineering Company, \$28,300; and Camden Heating Company, \$34,300.

The work is to be completed in sixty days.

FIRST TO ARRIVE



FIRST LIEUT. E. H. NEUMEYER, Who Is at Fort Hunt to Superintend Plans for Invasion of National Guard Troops.

HAZEL DREW KILLED BY MAN SHE LOVED

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now poor positive in my possession that she was killed on the bank of the pond where she met her death, that she herself placed her hat and gloves on the bank, and was there to keep an 8 o'clock appointment on the fatal night. Last summer she no doubt fell a victim to the wiles of a married man who had known her since childhood, and knowing him only by sight and not by name, she was a married man. He disappeared about the time she was to seek retirement at her Uncle William's farmhouse. After her days of illness were over she looked for him in vain, after making trips to Albany to see him.

Finally he returns, and through mere chance she discovers that he is a married man. She loves him devotedly, and to soothe her he plans an elopement. She begins to neglect her work at Prof. Carey's, and finally prepares for the elopement, which to her was a fond dream, but to the man merely a trap and a snare.

Starts for the Elopement.

Hazel, after packing her trunk and suitcase, leaves them in Troy, while she goes to Albany on the 11:30 train to see him. There was no other train for her to meet in Albany, no other person for her to see. He pleads time, makes a trip to Teal's pond for the following night at 8 o'clock, and the elopement was to begin there. Hazel returns to Troy, remains at a friend's house for the night, and Tuesday afternoon starts for the fatal pond. She is seen walking up the Tarburton road by Mrs. Norton, of Sand Lake, shortly after 8 o'clock. Smith and Gundersen see her not far from the pond at 7:10 p. m.

She is enthusiastic and early on the scene. She wanders back over the road a ways to meet her lover, picking up a stick and a hat, and is seen by the Rollmans driving home from Sand Lake. The lover arrives at last in a runabout. The boy mare is tied to the fence by the pond. The couple cross over to the other bank of the pond and quickly and silently murder each other. The body of the girl is found, and the case carefully planned to have the appearance of suicide.

Waits Until His Wife Passes.

The man takes all her valuables, save the cheap pin at her throat; takes the shopping bag, the purse, and the suit case, check in order to destroy her identity. He throws her body into the pond, returns to the house and runabout, and is ready to take up the lines when Hoffman and his wife appear with their team. Then the suspect sits very still while they pass.

It is now dark, and what to the Hoffmans appears to be another man standing across the pond was in reality the double posts of the main gate. Then the suspect turns off on the Albany road leading past Teal's house, makes good his escape, and is within his own door by 10:30 p. m.

PRUDENTIAL MEN MANAGER'S GUEST

G. S. Wainwright, manager of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, today took 200 agents of the company on an outing to Chesapeake Beach as his guests.

Special arrangements had been made for the entertainment of the party of insurance men at one of the hotels, and during the day a series of athletic events between them caused considerable work and much amusement.

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SAY MISS CASPARI IS MONOMANIAC

Rochester People Regard Her Case as Peculiarly Pathetic One.

AS BOOK AGENT WAS A SUCCESS

Police Claim That Although Woman Made Money She Was Always Borrowing.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 25.—Miss Frances Caspari, the woman whose financial operations have astonished the police of many cities, and who is now awaiting action by the grand jury in Washington, made pitiful attempts to extricate herself from the mire of debt in which she became entangled in this city, and even after she went to Washington sent various sums of money to people here from whom she had borrowed.

This is shown by the investigation which the police have been making in response to the request of the Washington police. That the woman is a monomaniac on the subject of money is the opinion of scores of persons with whom she had dealings in this city, but there are many who regard the case as a most pathetic one, and who believe that had she an opportunity she would have ultimately cleared her name in this city.

Well Known in Rochester.

The woman was well known here, and while there are few who admit that she actually swindled them, there are many who declare that there was always something strange about all her transactions. A number of loans which she made in this city were paid by her, and on others she had sent partial payments from Washington.

During all the time she was in Rochester she was engaged in selling various sets of expensive books, and, as a rule, called only on people who were thought wealthy. She came here direct from Baltimore, where she had served a five-year term in the penitentiary, but no one learned of that fact until she was here some time.

Was Success as Book Agent.

It was through her intellectuality that she made her strongest appeal. As a book agent she was a success, and it is said that she sold several hundred sets of books costing from \$50 upward. Her operations as a book canvasser, however, are thought to have been entirely honest. Her occupation gained her a comparatively wide acquaintance among wealthy people, whom she asked for loans left and right. So far as the police can learn most of these loans were paid back, but many of them only after considerable urging.

In investigating her operations in Rochester the police have been puzzled by one phase of her operations. Her sales were large, she was always busy, apparently very simply and very plainly, and never indulged in luxuries or extravagance. When she paid back the loans sometimes she paid usurious interest.

AUTOPSY REVEALS SPROUTING CEREAL

Sheffield, England, Girl Dies From Fungus Growth in Stomach, Puzzling Doctors.

LONDON, July 25.—The sprouting and growth of a grain of cereal in the stomach of a Sheffield girl caused her death, according to the doctors who have just finished their autopsy. The case is one of the most puzzling that British medical authorities have ever known.

The autopsy disclosed a fungus which had invaded all the surrounding organs. The doctors say that when the cereal, either oats or barley, was eaten what is known as a ray fungus, a very vegetable parasite, was growing on it. This parasite was not killed by eating, but lodged in the stomach until it grew to the size of a coconut.

E. W. W. GRIFFIN WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

The will of Edwin W. W. Griffin, formerly a senator of the District, was filed for probate today under date of September 2, 1932. Carrie C. Griffin is named as sole legatee and executrix. Assistant District Assessor Benjamin F. Adams, who signed the will, attaches a memorandum stating that Mr. Griffin left no real property, but that the widow owns several pieces of real estate.

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IMPROPER FOOD KILLING INFANTS

Dr. Woodward Gives Advice to Mothers Regarding Care of Babies in Summer.

DON'T

Give a child cow's milk without first seeing a physician. Let the milk get warm. Let the child drink unboiled water. Pile clothes on it. Disturb its sleep.

Improper food and careless disregard for the laws of hygiene, according to Dr. Woodward, Health Officer of the District, were responsible for a daily average of seventeen infant deaths during June and July, so far.

In speaking of the increased mortality, Dr. Woodward declared that insufficient care is paid by mothers to the preparation of their infants' food and as a result the delicate digestive organs of the child are so disordered as to bring on intestinal trouble.

"Probably the most potent cause of infant death in the District of Columbia is improper diet," he said. "I speak with reference to the child under one year of age and most of the children were under this age."

What Improper Diet Is.

"By improper diet I mean first, any milk but mother's milk, because in many cases any but the mother's milk may disagree with the child, and second, milk which in its original state was healthful, but has been allowed through negligence to stand until decomposed."

"In these latter cases there is a remedy. The public should insist upon an investigation, to compel the milkman to ice his product during the hot summer months."

"If the charge is slightly in excess of the price now being paid, the public should be willing to pay the added expense of a penny a quart for milk when by doing so they are able to get the pure product."

Always Call Physician.

"Unfortunately, as regards the first difficulty, there is practically no way of telling whether cow's milk is going to disagree with a child or not. Physicians should always be called in in regard to questions of an infant's diet."

"The infant should be kept cool, and should not be allowed to drink water that has not been boiled. Give the child plenty of fresh air. Don't smother it with clothes. Don't bother about decency; give the child a living chance. Heat exhaustion will go far toward deranging the child's digestive apparatus. Let it sleep all it wants."

HUGHES WILL BROKEN, RELATIVES FIGHT ON

Now Seek to Invalidate Widow's Document, Making Bequest to Georgetown University.

Grandnieces of the late David Hughes, having successfully broken a will in which his widow, Louise A. N. Hughes, gave all her property to the late Edward G. Niles, a Washington attorney, will now attempt to smash an earlier will, dated March 25, 1896, in which she left, among other bequests, \$10,000 to Georgetown University and \$5,000 to Cuno H. Rudolph.

A caveat attacking the will has been filed in the Probate Court of the District. When presented for probate this will was mutilated, the signature of Mrs. Hughes having been cut from the paper. In it Judge Ivory Kimball of the Police Court, and Attorney William H. Sholes are named as executors.

CLEVER SWINDLER JUGGLES CHANGE

Finds Victim on Street Who Obliging Lets Him Have \$5.

Central Office detectives are looking for a clever film-flam artist who has obtained sums of money from several persons recently.

Henry Hoffman, of 728 Sixth street northwest, was the man's last victim. The swindler accosted Hoffman on the street, and asked for change for a \$10 bill. Counting the money, the man handed it back, saying the change was \$1 short. The money was counted several times, and a few minutes after the stranger left Hoffman discovered he was out \$5.

The description furnished by Hoffman tallies with that given by several other persons who have been "short changed" recently.

THEY CONFUSED HIM.

"The older I get the less reliable I place on my senses."

"And you used to be so positive. What's changed you?"

"I'm engaged to one of a pair of twin girls who look exactly alike."—Exchange.

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ONE WEEK MORE FOR WORK PERMITS

School Authorities' Labor Nearly Over—Badges Issued Next Saturday.

The small boy will be given one more week in which to get work permits from the school authorities. On Saturday next the child labor law inspectors are expected to harden their hearts and begin arrests. Good, indeed, must be the excuse of an urchin who is caught without the necessary paper concealed about his person. The same applies to his employer, if he is what is known as an inside worker.

Clerk Wilmarth said this morning that the badges for the newboys, bootblacks, and street vendors would be ready for distribution next Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. There are about 800 of this class of workers who are required to wear badges.

One of the most interesting features of the child labor law work will be the Bertillon-like system, used in the issuance of these street permits. A detailed description of every newboy, including color of hair and eyes, facial marks if any, height, weight, and age must be supplied. All facial marks are to be described by measurement, as in the Bertillon system.

Mr. Wilmarth has issued the following instructions for those seeking badges: Applicants must bring with them the temporary permit issued several weeks ago, which will be taken up. Applicants must also be armed with an application for a badge from the parent or guardian of the boy, although it is not necessary that the parents accompany them. On receipt of these two papers, which will be kept on file at the Franklin School, the badge will be issued.

The following hours are announced for the issuance of permits during the next week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1 to 4 and 7 to 10 p. m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 4 o'clock only.

When the registration was closed, \$100 for the week at noon today the total permits issued footed 2,122.

BANDITS PLY TRADE; BOSTON IS SCARED

Whole City Is Reporting Clues to Overworked Police.

BOSTON, July 25.—Either the bold hold-up in Jamaica Plain saloon last Tuesday night and subsequent escapades of the desperadoes, have started a wave of crime over Boston and its suburbs, or several members of the hold-up gang are still at large and plying their trade. One man, alleged to be leader of the gang, is dead, and four others are under arrest, nevertheless every few hours the police receive fresh clues and squads of them rush off to various suburbs to catch vicious looking foreigners, believed to be the Jamaican robbers.

The hunt is in full cry today at Milton, where about midnight two men hold up and robbed a hackman. Although the original gang included only three desperadoes, the dead man and every one of the four under arrest have all been identified as members of the trio. Alarms come in to police headquarters at the rate of several a day. Every time some timid person sees an unkempt, dark complexioned foreigner, he reports it to the authorities.

In spite of the police activity and arrests of the last few days, many believe that neither the man shot Tuesday nor the men under arrest are the real desperadoes responsible for the killing of two citizens and the wounding of fourteen others.

A NATURE FAKE.

"The play is all right, but the scenery isn't. I thought the mountains looked magnificent."

"I know, but the world wants realism today."

"I don't see how they could have been made to look more real!"

"Aw, there wasn't a patent medicine ad or real estate sign on one of them."

—Exchange.



Anty Drudge Tells How to Make Housecleaning Easy.

Mrs. Hardwork—"I certainly do detest housecleaning time. Here I've been scrubbing and scrubbing until the skin is all off my knuckles, and I just can't get the floors and paint clean."

Anty Drudge—"All the elbow grease in the world won't clean things if you use the wrong soap. Get Fels-Naptha and the grease and dirt on floors and paint-work will disappear like magic."

Fels-Naptha is better than an extra pair of hands in housecleaning. It makes dirt fly from walls, floors, woodwork, linoleum, windows, porcelain fittings and anything else that's cleanable, just as it does from clothes.

No scrub-brush or hot water is necessary, mind you. Just Fels-Naptha, cool or lukewarm water, and a soft cloth.

Fels-Naptha dissolves the dirt in a jiffy so it can be rinsed away; it doesn't have to be scoured off.

As Fels-Naptha is also a germicide, it is a good sanitary precaution to do your housecleaning with it.

Did you ever try washing dishes with Fels-Naptha in lukewarm water?

It cuts the grease quick as a wink and makes the glasses shine.

Directions for all uses of Fels-Naptha are printed on the